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SUBJECT: SAND: INTEREST IN JAPANESE DESALTING TECHNOLOGY

1. TOKYO NEWSPAPERS CARRY STORY OF PRESS INTERVIEW IN TOKYO GIVEN BY PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN AL FAISAL, GOVERNOR OF SA SALINE WATER CONVERSION CORP. MOHAMMED DESCRIBED SA SECOND FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF \$150 BILLION INVESTMENT BY END OF 1980, OF WHICH 20 PER CENT WILL BE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DESALTING PLANTS WITH 500 MILLION GPD CAPACITY, FOR PUMPING OF GROUND WATER, OR TO INSTALL ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION CAPACITY OF 13,000 MEGAWATTS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUERY, MOHAMMED IS QUOTED TO HAVE SAID THAT JAPAN IS NO. 1 IN DESALTING TECHNOLOGY AND IN WATER TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY, BUT THAT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SA AND JAPAN NEED IMPROVEMENT.

3. MOHAMMED PLANS TO DISCUSS TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH PM MIKI AND MITI MINISTER KOMOTO WHILE IN JAPAN. HE IS SPENDING EIGHT DAYS HERE AT INVITATION OF MOFA.  
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